

Cases pending with CAT

5586. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the cases filed against the Coal Controller, Calcutta by the employees, pending with the Central Administrative Tribunal as on date;

(b) the number of the judgements awarded by the Central Administrative Tribunal which have not been implemented so far by the Coal Controller, Calcutta;

(c) the reasons for not implementation of the judgements of CAT;

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against the officers responsible for non-implementation of the Tribunal awards; and

(e) the efforts taken for the settling the cases through conciliation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Four cases filed against the Coal Controller by the employees of the Office of the Coal Controller are pending with the Central Administrative Tribunal, Calcutta.

(b) No judgement of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Calcutta is pending for implementation by the Coal Controller.

(c) to (e). Do not arise, in view of (b) above.

[Translation]

Industry in Backward Areas in Bihar

5587. SHRI GIRDHARI YADAV : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the assets, business and profit earned during the year 1995-96 and till June, 1996 by 25 top business houses;

(b) whether any of these Industrial Houses has sent the proposal for setting up an industry in the backward areas in the country, particularly in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Large Industrial Houses are no longer required to be registered with the Central Government, and as such the list of assets, and profit earned by large industrial houses/monopoly houses are not centrally maintained

(b) and (c). During 1.4.95 to 30.6.96 out of 7358 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda filed, 60 were filed for locating industries in Bihar.

[English]

Restructuring of PESB

5588. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings Officers Association has submitted any Memorandum for restructuring of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(c) the number of Board level vacancies exist sector-wise in the PSUs and the likely vacancies during the current year;

(d) whether board level vacancies are unfilled for over a year to two years and two years and above; and

(e) if so, the reasons for delay in filling up the vacant posts ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) As per available information, 108 Board level posts of chief executives and functional directors were lying vacant in various Central Public Sector Undertakings as on 1.7.1996. The schedule wise break up of these vacancies is given below :

Schedule A : 07

Schedule B : 52

Schedule C : 38

Schedule D : 11

24 vacancies are likely to occur during the remaining period of the current year.

(d) Yes, Sir. A few of these posts are lying vacant for more than 1 year and 2 years.

(e) Board level posts are filled up in accordance with a prescribed procedure which includes selection by the Public Enterprises Selection Board and appointment by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments. Completion of all the requisite formalities takes more time in some cases

Scope of Joint Ventures

5589. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the policy on foreign participation has been relaxed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to widen the scope of foreign tie-ups; and

(d) the details of the programme drawn up by the Government in this regard for 1996-97 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (d). The Foreign Direct Investment Policy as enumerated is constantly under review to make it more dynamic with the objective of increasing foreign direct investment into the country particularly in priority/core sectors, including infrastructure.

MFN Status to India

5590. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the countries which have accorded Most Favoured Nation status to India so far;

(b) the countries with which negotiations are on at present to get such MFN status; and

(c) the details of progress made in respect of trade conducted by India with countries who have accorded MFN status to India so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). As provided in Article I of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), all countries that are members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) are obligated to extend the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) treatment to each other. As on 26 July 1996, the membership of the WTO stood at 123 countries.

In addition, the non-WTO member countries which accord MFN treatment to imports from India under bilateral agreements are Afghanistan, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Ivory Coast, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Moldova, Oman, Republic of Yemen, Russia, China, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Amongst the WTO members, Pakistan does not accord MFN treatment to imports from India. This issue has been taken up bilaterally with Pakistan through diplomatic channels.

(c) During 1995-96, India's exports rose to Rs. 106,465 crore from a level of Rs. 82,674 crore in 1994-95. India's imports in 1995-96 aggregated to Rs. 121,647 crore in comparison to Rs. 89,971 crore in 1994-95. During 1995-96, India's exports countries that accord MFN status to India accounted for over 90 per cent of the country's aggregate exports.

Assets of Industrial Houses

5591. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the position of the top twenty industrial houses in the country as per their total assets ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : No data of industrial houses as per their

assets are maintained by the Department of Income Tax or by the Department of Company Affairs.

[Translation]

Recovery of Loan from Agriculture and Industrial Sectors

5592. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the comparative details regarding recovery of bank loans industrial and agriculture sector as on July 31, 1996. State wise, with particular reference to Rajasthan;

(b) the details of loans given to agricultural and industrial sectors in the States separately particularly in Rajasthan during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the loans to agriculture sector ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they do not have State-wise details regarding recovery of bank loans in industrial and agriculture sectors and also the State-wise details of loans given to these sectors. However, the details of overdues as a percentage of outstanding advances of Public Sector Banks to large and medium industries and agriculture as on September 1994 (latest available) is as given below :

Sector	Overdues as a percentage of outstanding advances
Large and Medium Industries	15.76
Agriculture	24.95

The position in respect of advances of scheduled commercial banks to Agriculture and Industrial Sectors as on the last Friday of the quarter ended June for the last 3 years is as under :—

(Rs. in crore)			
Position as on the last Friday of June			
	1993	1994	1995
1. <i>Agriculture and Allied Activities :</i>			
Advances	526	702	1185
Sanctioned			
Outstanding	312	414	672
2. <i>Industrial Sector :</i>			
Advances	41557	53079	62247
Sanctioned			
Outstanding	29060	28973	37473